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2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 **Claim Amendment Summary**

4 **Claims pending:**

- 5 • At time of the Office Action: Claims 43-47.  
6 • After this Response: 43-47.

7 **Cancelled claims:** Claims 1-42 and 48-52.

8 **Amended claims:** none.

9 **New claims:** none.

10 **In the Claims**

11 Pending claims are listed as follows:

12 1. 42. (Canceled).

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14 43. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** An email screening method  
15 comprising:

16 defining an index having values that are assigned to various degrees of  
17 desirability that an email message can have, wherein the degrees of desirability  
18 extend from a low degree of desirability to a high degree of desirability;

19 associating a plurality of parameters having parameter values with the  
20 various degrees of desirability, wherein at least some of the parameters do not  
21 depend on any message that is conveyed by any content of an email message;

22 establishing a user interface through which a user can adjust either (a)  
23 individual parameter values that, in turn, establish a degree of desirability, or (b)  
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1 index values that themselves establish a degree of desirability that email messages  
2 must have in order to be saved to dedicated user storage locations; and

3 evaluating, using a computing device comprising part of an email system in  
4 which, for at least some users of the system, a client user interface email  
5 environment is generated through use of HTML or web pages that are sent to  
6 client devices, incoming email messages against the index value that is defined by  
7 the user.

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9 44. **(ORIGINAL)** The email screening method of claim 43, wherein the  
10 parameter values are adjustable.

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12 45. **(ORIGINAL)** The email screening method of claim 43, wherein  
13 one of the parameters is associated with the number of specified recipient  
14 addresses.

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16 46. **(ORIGINAL)** The email screening method of claim 43, wherein  
17 one of the parameters is associated with a percentage of invalid specified recipient  
18 addresses.

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20 47. **(ORIGINAL)** The email screening method of claim 43, wherein  
21 one of the parameters is associated with the size of an email message.

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23 48.-52. (Canceled).